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ASSIGNMENT OF FUNCTIONS IN THE FIELD OF STATIC
INTELLIGENCE TO THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP


Memorandum by the Secretary

As requested in a memorandum to the Director of Central Intelligence, the enclosed report by the Chief of Naval Intelligence is circulated herewith for discussion at the next meeting of the Intelligence Advisory Board.

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Memorandum by the Chief of Naval Intelligence

THE PROBLEM

To examine the practicability of further merger of static intelligence functions of the State, War and Navy Departments through assignment of same to the Central Intelligence Group.

FACTS AND DISCUSSION

Prior to the establishment of the Central Intelligence Group the War and Navy Departments were engaged in the study of the problem of the susceptibility of the field of static intelligence to joint effort. The War and Navy Departments each completed a study which indicated in this field there were elements (organizational units, functions or activities) that were susceptible of joint effort. These separate studies now require further joint study in order to determine the practicability of such joint enterprises. At present they indicate that any such joint enterprises should be housed together. Now that the Central Intelligence Group has been established, the War and Navy Departments are reluctant to proceed with this study pending a determination of the practicability of the Central Intelligence Group performing those functions that are susceptible of joint effort. The performance of such functions by the Central Intelligence Group is authorized by paragraph 3 c. of the President's letter of 22 January 1946. Also, it is believed that the Central Intelligence Group could meet the requirement of housing such activities together. There may be some difficulty in sorting available material and establishing suitable libraries. Those elements that are considered susceptible of joint effort are as follows: political,

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economic, sociological, topographic and technical. It is believed that the performance of these functions by the Central Intelligence Group would necessitate their participation in the preparation of JANIS studies as well as any intelligence studies made for the Joint War Planners. Merging of the political field in the Central Intelligence Group will necessitate some arrangements for briefing of the intelligence agencies of the various Departments concerned in accordance with their own requirements.

CONCLUSIONS

It is concluded that:

a. Paragraph 3 c. of the President's letter of 22 January 1946 authorized the Central Intelligence Group to perform for the benefit of the intelligence agencies such services of common concern as the National Intelligence Authority determined could be more efficiently accomplished centrally.

b. In the field of static intelligence certain elements (organizational units, functions or activities) performed by the State, War and Navy Departments are susceptible of joint effort.

c. The Central Intelligence Group could meet the requirement of housing such activities together.

d. There may be some difficulty in sorting available material and establishing suitable libraries.

e. Performance of such functions by the Central Intelligence Group would necessitate their participation in JANIS studies as well as in the preparation of intelligence studies for the Joint War Planners.

f. Merging of the political field in the Central Intelligence Group will necessitate some arrangements for briefing of the intelligence agencies of the various Departments concerned in accordance with their own requirements.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended as follows:

a. That a study be made to determine the practicability of the performance by the Central Intelligence Group of such elements (organizational units, functions or activities) of common concern in the field of static intelligence as follows: political, economic, sociological, topographic and technical,

b. That this paper be presented to the Intelligence Advisory Board.

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